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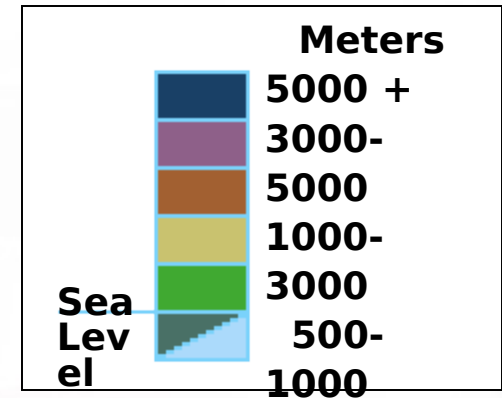


- Middle income nation
- Developing economy
- Landlocked
- Population concentrated in southern part of country



Paraguay: Environmental Issues

- Topography
- Climate



Subtropical to temperate; substantial rainfall in the eastern portions, becoming semiarid in the far west

Grassy plains and wooded hills east of Rio Paraguay; Gran Chaco region west of Rio Paraguay mostly low, marshy plain near the river, and dry forest and thorny scrub elsewhere

lowest point: junction of

Paraguay: Environmental Issues

- Industry
 - Agriculture, beverages, cement, sugar, textiles, and wood products
- Water
 - Surface water contaminated with raw sewage and industrial waste
 - Chromium contamination of some surface waters
 - Mercury and pesticide contamination of upper Pilcomayo River

Paraguay: Environmental Issues

- Greatest short-term environmental health risks
 - Water contaminated with raw sewage or industrial waste
 - Extreme high temperatures

Paraguay: Diseases of Operational Importance

- Intermediate risk country
- Diseases of greatest risk
 - Food and water-borne: bacterial diarrhea, hepatitis A
 - Vector-borne: dengue fever, malaria

Paraguay: Diseases of Operational Importance

- Diseases of potential risk
 - Food and water-borne: brucellosis, protozoal diarrhea, typhoid/paratyphoid fever
 - Vector-borne: Chagas disease, Eastern equine encephalitis, leishmaniasis
 - Sexually transmitted: gonorrhea/chlamydia, hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS
 - Soil contact: hantavirus pulmonary syndrome
 - Respiratory: tuberculosis
 - Animal contact: rabies